

Vaughn, Lorena

From: Murdock, Russell
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Vaughn, Lorena
Subject: FOIA: FW: Larry Griffin Site Visit

This is the first of about 14 e-mails I will send about the Larry Griffin FOIA (EPA-R6-2017-011635)

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Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:35 AM
To: Mullins, Donna
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I am available any of the three dates you mentioned. Just let me know.

From: Mullins, Donna [<mailto:mullins.donna@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:28 AM
To: Gomez, Lisa G SWF
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Citizen Complaint

Lisa,

We received a citizens complaint from Lee Pitman (940)863-4739) concerning dams that have been placed on Paint Creek, downstream of Lake Stanford. The landowners name is Larry Griffin (214) 517-5667. The TCEQ has been investigating this from a water rights prospective. I spoke with David Madden about this a couple of weeks ago. I don't think he has a USCOE permit as the TCEQ said that Mr.Griffin doesn't think he has done anything wrong. I am sending you in other emails a map showing the dams and pictures taken by the TCEQ. I am trying to set up a site visit to include the landowner, TCEQ, you and me. This site is northeast of Stanford. The landowner lives in Dallas, so he will also have to make the long trip like us. I am looking at either April 21, April 28 or 29. Please let me know if you are available. You can reach me at (214) 665-7576.

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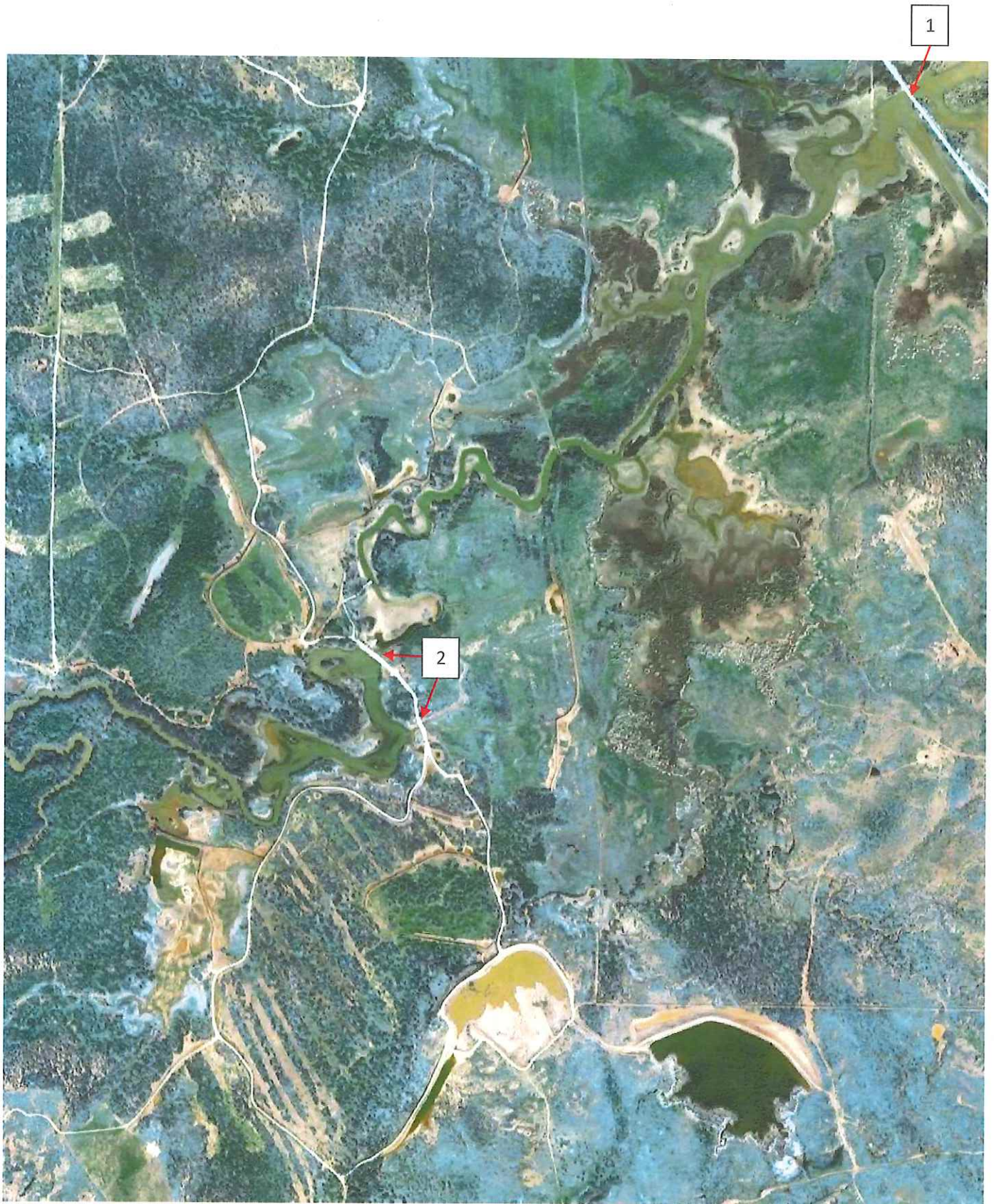
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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Donna Mullins, of my staff, at (214) 665-7576. Any legal questions may be directed to Mr. Russell Murdock, at (214) 665-3189.

Sincerely,

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I am unable to add to the letter. His address is P.O. Box 5992, Haskell, Texas 79521. I think the letter looks fine. I will work on the fact sheet today. I found out by looking up his address that 4GRanch is for deer and quail hunting and bird watching. I need to call TCEQ to see what they are going to do about water rights. My memory is not good. We can work about getting the letter and fact sheet in final form tomorrow morning.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Donna Mullins, of my staff, at (214) 665-7576. Any legal questions may be directed to Mr. Russell Murdock, at (214) 665-3189.

Sincerely,

Sharon Fancy Parrish
Chief
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From: Murdock, Russell
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Vaughn, Lorena
Subject: FW: Larry Griffin Letter - Updated

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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Mullins, Donna <mullins.donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Parrish, Sharon <parrish.sharon@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Larry Griffin Letter - Updated

Donna,

Let me know when you send this out so I can provide a copy to the attorney.

Thanks.

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From: Mullins, Donna
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 12:13 PM
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Russell,

I mailed the letter on Thursday. I'll bring you a copy of the letter.

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Subject: FW: EPA Letter
Attachments: Griffin_Letter.pdf

This should be the final one. (EPA-R6-2017-011635)

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Subject: EPA Letter

Mr. Shamoun,

After our conversation I took a deeper look at the case file involving your client, Mr. Larry Griffin, and his potential violation of the federal Clean Water Act. Due to the length of time that has passed since the construction of the dam, the EPA reached the decision to not pursue an enforcement action against your client at this time. I would, however, strongly advise your client to seek a Clean Water Act permit prior to conducting any future fill activities in Paint Creek.

This decision has been memorialized in a letter to your client. I have attached an electronic courtesy copy for your convenience..

Thank you.

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May 30, 2014

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sharon Fancy Parrish".

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Cc: Lisa Gomez, USCOE Fort Worth District

